(b) and (c) The Reserve Bank of India was requested to include "minority communities" under priority sector lending in RBI's Master Circular on Lending to Priority Sector dated 3.7.2006. RBI, *vide* its letter dated 24.4.2007, has intimated that they propose to include the following at item No. (iii) under paragraph No. 2.2 of their Master Circular on Lending to Priority Sector as follows:

"(iii) loans granted to specified minority communities under (a) to (i) above will be reported separately."

Instructions have been given to public sector banks to increase the flow of credit to the minority communities. Public Sector Banks have been advised to open more branches in districts with a substantial proportion of the minority communities and the flow of credit to minorities in these districts will be specially monitored.

Conversion of Kitchen Waste into Bio-Gas

3426. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has forwarded to Government proposal of a scheme through which kitchen waste can be converted into bio-gas;

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto;

(c) by when and to what extent Government propose to implement this scheme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Plan for generating additional renewable energy

3427. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state: